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To: Selected District Superintendents and Charter School Principals

From: William L. Padia, Director
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Subject: **Elimination of Funding for the Certificated Staff Performance Incentive Act Award**

Ref. No. **PED-AWARDS-02-03**

The purpose of this memo is to inform you that funding for the Certificated Staff Performance Incentive Award (CSPIA) has been eliminated for the 2000-2001 Academic Performance Index award cycle as part of the solution to the state budget crisis.

In January 2002, you received a set of materials from our office that was to assist you in 1) certifying the eligibility of the schools in your district for the CSPIA, 2) providing a count of the full time equivalent certificated positions eligible to receive the award, and 3) providing contact information for the bargaining representative for the certificated staff. **Please do not complete these forms or return them to the California Department of Education (CDE).**

Because the state budget for 2002-2003 will not be finalized until later this summer, it is impossible to say at this time whether this award program will be continued. For the same reason, it is impossible to determine whether those schools that were eligible (based on the 2001 Growth API) will retain their eligibility for this award program should it be funded in 2002-2003.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience the elimination of this award program may cause you and your schools. If you have questions, please contact the Awards Unit at (916) 657-3810, fax to (916) 657-4978, e-mail Awards@cde.ca.gov, or visit our web site at:

www.cde.ca.gov/oep/awards